technical and financial assistance is provided to the State Governments and other implementing agencies. Central Ground Water Board has also taken up a Central Sector Scheme on "Studies of Recharge to Ground Water" on pilot basis. Central Ground Water Board has prepared a "Master Plan for Artificial Recharge to Ground Water" which envisages to recharge 36453 Million Cubic Metre volume of water through 2.25 lakhs artificial recharge structures in rural areas like percolation tanks, check dams, sub-surface dykes, gully plugs, gabion structures, nala bunds, contour bunds, recharge shafts etc. As a long term measure, National Water Development Agency have formulated National Perspective Plan for water resources development which envisages interlinking various Peninsular rivers and Himalayan rivers.

Kisan Credit Cards

*232. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Kisan Credit Cards issued in the country till March, 2003;

(b) the State-wise details of Kisan Credit Cards issued to farmers during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) the target set during the current year to issue Kisan Credit Cards in the country with particular reference to Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) As reported by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), a total of 3,13,44, 289 Kisan Credit Cards (KCCs) have been issued till March, 2003.

(b) The State-wise detail of KCCs issued by the Public Sector Banks (PSBs), Co-operative Banks and Regional Rural Banks (RRBs), during the last three years, is given in the enclosed Statement (*see* below).

(c) During 2003-04, PSBs, RRBs and Co-operative Banks' target is to issue 76.76 lakh KCCs, including of 7.77 lakh for Andhra Pradesh.

Statement

State-wise number of Kisan Credit Cards issued by the banking sector during the last three years

Sl.No.	Name of State/Union Territory	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
1.	A &N Islands	540	581	615
2.	Andhra Pradesh	3463009	1037738	896096
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	128	334	2074
4.	Assam	3263	13063	42566
5.	Bihar	201731	283218	262095
6.	Chandigarh	—	5	—
7.	Chhattisgarh	67839	92976	151259
8.	D & N Haveli	1	—	4
9.	Daman & Diu	—	—	—
10.	Goa	1045	831	1940
11.	Gujarat	444732	404447	455403
12.	Haryana	403047	405539	386670
13.	Himachal Pradesh	25867	34738	25122
14.	Jammu & Kashmir	13182	12952	6410
15.	Jharkhand	50214	87120	30145
16.	Karnataka	583796	724942	430635
17.	Kerala	399401	274472	355785
18.	Lakshadweep	24	35	34
19.	Madhya Pradesh	113447	496049	507649
20.	Maharashtra	1687096	914705	843401
21.	Manipur	280	475	1458
22.	Meghalaya	1494	1574	2093
23.	Mizoram	—	1099	1500
24.	Nagaland	—	16	1351
25.	NCT of Delhi	1275	594	435
26.	Orissa	885541	353125	506741
27.	Pondicherry	7097	4207	3509
28.	Punjab	362694	607325	197364
29.	Rajasthan	1849418	310389	184414
30.	Sikkim	191	577	646
31.	Tamil Nadu	831309	728989	605321
32.	Tripura	1217	2527	4591
33.	Uttar Pradesh	1278566	2130624	2033625
34.	Uttaranchal	62763	74586	72686
35.	West Bengal	82893	340655	207249
	TOTAL:	12823100	9340507	822886